



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors  
Los Angeles County  
Regional Park and Open Space District  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS  
TO 24 CITIES FOR VARIOUS RECREATION OR OPEN SPACE PROJECTS AND  
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS  
(FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$3,900,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for recreation or open space projects in the amount of \$150,000 each to 23 Fourth District cities and \$450,000 for such projects in the City of Long Beach.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

2. Allocate \$3,450,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$150,000 each, to the Cities of Artesia, Avalon, Bellflower, Cerritos, Diamond Bar, Downey, El Segundo, Hawaiian Gardens, Hermosa Beach, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lakewood, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Norwalk, Palos Verdes Estates, Paramount, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, Signal Hill, Torrance, and Whittier for recreation or open space projects.
3. Allocate \$450,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Long Beach for one or several recreation or open space projects within the City.
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a total of \$3,900,000 for grants to the 24 cities, if applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate \$3,450,000 in Fourth District Cities Excess Funds, in the amount of \$150,000 each, to the Cities of Artesia, Avalon, Bellflower, Cerritos, Diamond Bar, Downey, El Segundo, Hawaiian Gardens, Hermosa Beach, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lakewood, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Norwalk, Palos Verdes Estates, Paramount, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills Estates, Signal Hill, Torrance, and Whittier for recreation or open space projects. A further \$450,000 in Fourth District Cities Excess Funds would be allocated to the City of Long Beach for one or more recreation or open space projects.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by providing enhanced recreation and open space opportunities in the cities in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of \$3,900,000, is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. All of the cities named in the recommended actions meet this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District from Excess Funds available for cities.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved a Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District grants. This Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of these recommended additional grants as well.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

All public agency projects funded by the District are required to comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The 24 cities listed in the recommended allocations will each serve as lead agency for their own projects.

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The proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b) (4) (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants, which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.


### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the 24 cities may proceed with their projects, if all applicable conditions of the grants are met.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Russ Guiney  
Director, Parks and Recreation

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c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors